



February 3, 2010

**WILBUR TOWN PUBLIC MEETING  
SOUTHEAST ANNE STREET RAILROAD CROSSING**

6:30pm

Town Council of the Town of Wilbur, Lincoln County, Washington met in public session on February 3, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at Wilbur Senior Center by Mayor Robert Wyborney.

**PUBLIC MEETING:**

Members Present

Robert Wyborney, Lynn McWhorter, Roy Scheibner, Jerry Metcalf and Donald Reid

Staff Present

Police Chief Archie Shirley, Clerk/Treasurer Carla Shirley

Citizens Present

Helen Metcalf, Paul Curl (UTC), Randy Harris, Rob Coffman, Kevin Coffman, Michael Brooks, Frank Stedman, Phil Williams and Robert Smith

Citizen Letter

Mayor Wyborney entered a written letter from Harvey Coffman

Citizen Comment

Mayor Wyborney read from the letter received from Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission regarding Southeast Anne Street Railroad Crossing USDOT#066073U. The purpose of the public meeting is to receive comments on the UTC's list of crossings from a safety perspective only, are potential candidates for closure or consolidation. Mr. Paul Curl spoke briefly on the information gathered and the reason for the letter to open a dialogue.

Citizen opinions were taken which included comments that the street receives a lot of foot traffic and the street and crossing are utilized considerably by Lincoln County for truck moving and servicing at the gas station. It is one of the few roads to access when load limits are in place, may be needed for future business as location is in commercial area, the recent repairs to the track area have not been done well making the driving area rough. Past work in the track area has left contractor debris not cleaned up in a timely manner. Other towns have had difficulty reopening tracks once they have been closed. The letter sounds like a buy off. Why are the updates and repairs for safety issues not already being done? The area receives a fair amount of traffic, leaving room to improve for safety. The Town has a 6 inch main line through the area. The train authorized speed mile through the Town is 25mph. The safety of the tracks was discussed. The track in the Anne Street area is for moving trains. Those present wished to know if the area could

be just up and closed. There would be a public hearing before any action could take place. Comment was made that no good reason has been received for closing the crossing. Conducting a traffic count was mentioned.

A citizen letter was read regarding the closing. Mr. Wyborne stated any further letters received and post marked by Feb 3, 2010 will be accepted.

The Mayor stated the Town will be in contact with UTC and start the discussion.  
The meeting at 7:15pm.

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Carla J. Shirley, Clerk/Treasurer

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Robert Wyborne, Mayor